

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-058

Establish a Community-wide Twenty Year Target of Powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina with 100 Percent Clean, Renewable Energy

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WHEREAS, the City of Columbia seeks a healthy, sustainable future powered by 100 percent renewable energy; and,

WHEREAS, the transition to renewable energy will improve air and water quality and protect the health of our families, particularly the most vulnerable across our community; and,

WHEREAS, renewable energy represents an economic opportunity for business growth and new investments in our community; and,

WHEREAS, one out of every fifty new jobs added in the United States in 2016 was in the solar industry and the number of solar jobs in the City of Columbia increased by 46 percent from 2015 to 2016; and,

WHEREAS, renewable energy, like wind, solar, and energy efficiency, offer price stability, reduced electricity costs, and affordable solutions to Columbia residents; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Energy, the cost of wind power is down 41 percent since 2008 and solar costs are down between 54 percent and 64 percent in that same period; and,

WHEREAS, individuals, families, businesses, and institutions throughout the City of Columbia seek greater energy freedom through the expansion of local and distributed energy sources like photovoltaic solar and electric vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, actions by local government and businesses are already a significant driver of renewable energy growth and can put the country on track to meet its former commitment to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia is committed to prioritizing equity, affordability and access for all residents of the City of Columbia to transition to 100 percent clean energy; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED this ___ day of _____, 2017 that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia commit to establish a community-wide twenty Year target of powering the City of Columbia, South Carolina, with 100 percent clean, renewable energy.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin _____



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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